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1. In recognition of the operational handicaps and serious security risks that would be involved in any attempt to develop standby assets within the USSR for wartime use, the Agency has continued to rely on its program for the training of agents to be held in the United States for deployment overseas in the event of general or local war or a serious emergency. These agents (residents of the U. S. and, in the majority of cases, members of national groups represented in the Soviet Union) are given initially 16 weeks of intensified training. They are maintained in a state of readiness through annual refresher and advanced training to permit their deployment on short notice against possible future requirements in the field of unconventional warfare or paramilitary operations in response to JCS wartime requirements or current requirements for contingency paramilitary activities. Assets trained through this program have, during the past months, been used operationally in support of requirements originated by other area components.

2. The total number of agent assets who have been trained is Seventy three (73). Of this group, 11 are in an inactive status and 9 would probably be available in event of a national emergency. All of the agents have undergone the basic 4 month training period and the greater majority have attended at least one 2-week summer advanced/refresher training course.

3. In addition to the trained cadre, 8 individuals are completing the current 16-week training course and will graduate on 2 June 1962. It is anticipated that a group of 10 more agent trainees will enter the training program commencing on 26 August 1962, and the projected estimate for the February 1963 class is another 12 candidates.

4. The personnel referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above are SR assets. Above and beyond this figure, there are trained assets available for NE and EE requirements. For NE, it is 4 trained, 4 completing training, and 4-6 scheduled for the August group; while the EE agent assets number 2 trained, 8 in training and 12-16 scheduled for the August group.

5. It has been determined that, as a general rule, the graduates could be available for operational deployment overseas within a few days in the event of an all-out national emergency with general mobilization and within 10 to 15 days in the event of a local emergency.

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